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Rep. Stripp, Rep. Bielawa: Bond Commission Okays Computer Appraisal System Grants for Redding & Weston



The State Bond Commission today approved grants totaling \$27,500 each for Redding and Weston that will help the towns develop state certified computer assisted mass appraisal systems to provide for fair and more accurate revaluations and improve assessment and tax collection practices in both towns, state Representatives

John E. Stripp, R-135th District, and Hank Bielawa, R-2nd District, announced today.

The grants also will help pay for the training of town employees in assessment and tax collection practices, the legislators said.

"When towns put computerized appraisal systems in place they help local assessors perform fairer and more accurate revaluations of residential, commercial and industrial properties," Representative Stripp said. "When the new appraisal systems are up and running, they will substantially reduce the possibility of some homes or businesses being arbitrarily and inequitably assessed at higher – or lower rates – than comparable properties, and lower the number of appeals filed by aggrieved property owners. I'd like to thank Governor Rell and the Bond Commission for approving these grants."

"This grant will reduce the costs of implementing a computerized system on local taxpayers," said Rep. Bielawa. "A state of the art appraisal system also means the town will not have to hire additional staff for appraisals and allows existing staff to more efficiently conduct everyday business."